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St. Peter's Church

2017

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*THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 31, 2017*



*The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.*

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY ~ DECEMBER 31, 2017

8:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND HOMILY

10:30 A.M. ~ MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

PRELUDE

GREENSLEEVES

R. PURVIS

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

93 ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

REGENT SQUARE

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

~ Children are invited to come forward to the "crossing" for the Children's Homily ~

MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE ONE

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 41

+ INVITATORY ANTIPHON

ALLELUIA. UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN;
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM. ALLELUIA.

+ VENITE

CHANT S-4

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44

+ PSALM

PSALM 147:13-21

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

+ BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE

CHANT S-184

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 49

~ CHILDREN LEAVE TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ~

THE SECOND LESSON

JOHN 1:1-18

+ JUBILATE DEO

JOHN FARRANT

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 45

+ THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53

THE PRAYERS AND GRACE

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54

+ SERMON HYMN

115 WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

SERMON ~ THE REV. SUSAN WALDRON, ASSOCIATE RECTOR

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

HAROLD DARKE

+ DOXOLOGY AND VERSE 4 OF "AMERICA"

HYMN 380 ~ VERSE 3 AND HYMN 717 ~ VERSE 4

CLOSING PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN

105 GOD REST YOU MERRY

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POSTLUDE

IN DULCI JUBILO

J. S. BACH

(+ All Standing)

***THE DECORATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH* are given to the **Glory of God**
and in Loving Memory of the Faithful Departed and in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings**

THE USHERS at the 8:30AM Service are Clark Daggett and Fred Lincoln

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are William Collins, Kevin Creagan, Jeff Russom and Frank Spath

~ **Parish Notes** ~

Coffee Hour: Please join us for coffee hour after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Services. All are welcome.

Newcomers: If you are interested in receiving more information about St. Peter's Church please feel free to call the church office or fill out an information card that is located in your pew. If you would like to be added to the church directory please call the church office.

Pledge Cards: Pledge cards for 2018 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office. Those wishing to pledge that did not do so during the Stewardship Campaign, are welcome to complete a pledge card and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate during the service. Pledges may also be made by phone. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card.

Youth Sunday: Please note that Youth Sunday and Children's Chapel will **NOT** take place this month due to Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both falling on Sundays.

DOK Discernment: For members of the DOK, discernment is the starting point for joining an international organization of women who are committed to prayer, service and evangelism. The first class was held on December 17th, and following a brief hiatus for the holidays, will resume next Sunday, January 7th. We meet immediately after the 10:30AM service in the vestry room. Classes will conclude in February and will be followed by a service of admission with the St. Peter's congregation on February 11th.

Outreach Committee and Vestry Meetings: These January meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 9th. Outreach Committee will meet at 4:30PM and Vestry will meet at 5:15PM.

Adult History Study: *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity* by Mark Noll. This History Study will resume on Wednesday, January 17th at 5:45PM in the Vestry room. Please refer to your September Newsletter for the full schedule and more information. It's not too late to join us.

Angels in Training: The Angels in Training will feed the homeless at Grace and Holy Innocents on Saturday, January 20th from 11AM to 1PM. We are in desperate need of helping hands so please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 28th the Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30AM service. We invite you to grab a cup of coffee and join us in the church.

OUTREACH: The Outreach Committee of St. Peter's Church invites you to volunteer in both cooking and/or delivering meals for the First Lutheran Church Overflow Homeless Shelter. We are committed to providing a complete dinner for 20 people, cooked and delivered every Thursday evening from November through April 2018. During these cold months when the other shelters fill up with women and children, the men can come to this overflow shelter and receive a hot meal and a good night's sleep. We are asking that you sign-up to cook a complete dinner. Please sign your name and a phone number we can contact you at, next to the date on the board in the Pumpelly Room. Instructions and containers for the meal items will be in the Pumpelly Room. If you cannot deliver the meal, please return the meal frozen to the church on the Sunday before the date you signed up for. If you are delivering the meal you can call Debby Spath at (518)478-9389 for directions.

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Adams, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Inga Carpenter, Moriah, Ann Collins, Morris Daly, Nancy Dennis, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman III, Liam, Luke, Mike Higgins, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Barbara Richardson, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Denise Thomson, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

Birthdays: 12/31 ~ Timothy DiStefano; 1/2 ~ Cristi Kovacs

Anniversaries: 12/31 ~ Rino & Emily Crisafulli; 1/1 ~ John & Laura Rulison; 1/6 ~ Richard & Carol Miller

OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM
TELEPHONE: 518-434-3502
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Daniel Herzog, Bishop

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 31st ~ *New Year's Eve*

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily
10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon, Sunday School and Child Care

Monday, January 1st ~ *New Year's Day*

Office Closed
No Treble Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 2nd

1:00PM Friends of St. Peter's

Wednesday, January 3rd

No Top of the Hill Meeting
12:05PM Holy Communion

Thursday, January 4th

No Choir Rehearsals

Friday, January 5th

12:30PM Organ Concert

Vestry Nominations:

The Vestry has nominated the following parish members to serve on the Vestry:

Deborah Spath will be running for her 1st two-year term as Sr. Warden.
She is running to fill the seat formerly held by James Chenot.

Tim Murphy will be running for his 2nd three-year term
on the vestry. He is running to fill his present seat.

Stephanie Lencewicz will be running for her 2nd three-year term
on the vestry. She is running to fill her present seat.

Ashley Spath will be running for her 1st three-year vestry term
to fill the seat formerly held by Mark Lundberg.

Fred Hershey will be running to fill out Earl Stafford's
remaining term of two years. Earl will be stepping down.

In the event of Deborah Spath's election to the position of Senior Warden, a vacancy will be created in the seat of Junior Warden. In the case of a vacancy, the vestry is empowered to fill it until the next Annual Meeting at which time the vestry-appointed seat will be opened for parish election. In the interest of transparency, the Vestry wishes to alert the parish that in the event Deborah Spath is elected as Sr. Warden, the Vestry has resolved to appoint Jim Chenot as Junior Warden until the next Annual Meeting.

Other nominations must be submitted to the church office in writing
by Wednesday, January 24th in order to appear on the ballot.